

**Claims:**

- 1        1. A user interface method in a browser application implemented in an Internet  
2        appliance for accessing information on the Internet, the Internet appliance having a display  
3        device and using a reduced-keyset user interface device for user input, the reduced-keyset  
4        user interface device having a plurality of keys consisting of direction keys, numeric keys,  
5        and a number of function keys, the method comprising:
  - 6            displaying a user interface screen on the display device, the screen being divided  
7            into a primary screen area for displaying information and at least a first and a second  
8            control area, the first control area containing one or more mode icons for selecting a mode  
9            of the browser application, the second control area containing one or more command icons  
10          depending on the selected mode;
  - 11            in a navigate mode, displaying a plurality of interface elements in the primary screen  
12          area, each interface element representing a web page, and accessing one of the web  
13          pages by invoking a command icon or an interface element in response to user input  
14          through the use of the reduced-keyset user interface device;
  - 15            in a browse mode, displaying page contents of a web page in the primary screen  
16          area, the web page including one or more interface elements, and further displaying  
17          different page contents by invoking a command icon or an interface element in response to  
18          user input through the use of the reduced-keyset user interface device; and
  - 19            in the navigate and/or browse mode, dynamically displaying indications that  
20          associate each of one or more command icons and/or interface elements with a key of the  
21          reduced-keyset user interface device, and invoking a command icon and/or interface  
22          element in response to user input through the use of the associated key.